

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

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Re: DES update

- The winter FAST Bridge screening was completed. The next phase is to analyze the data within our grade level teams and determine which interventions need to be intensified or scaled back as appropriate. This data is also used to help determine students who should receive Aggie Academy invitations (summer school).
- Kindergarten and Begingergarten is coming up next February 28th from 4:30-6:30. This is an important date for us to get a pretty good idea about enrollment numbers for next year's newest Aggies. Please help spread the word!
- Mrs. Provencal's student-adult book club began this month with 30 families signed up to participate. Sue does a tremendous job with this project which incorporates deep level discussion and arts integration activities that Ms. Blackwood helps lead.
- PTO STEAM night is Thursday from 6:00-7:30 led by Mrs. Guss and a variety of PTO volunteers. There will be 10 different hands-on activities set up as stations around the elementary.
- Big plans are under way to make Reading Month a major success throughout the month of March. Special guest visits, reading trackers, prizes, mystery guest readers and special dress up days are all a part of the festivities of Reading Month. We are continuing our theme from the fall with a slogan of "Building Learners Book by Book." A Read-A-Thon fundraiser is also happening during this busy month. Students can ask friends and family for donations to read during specific reading sessions at school.
- Much work has taken place during our staff meetings and PD sessions to develop a more formalized system for delivering a class wide intervention for math and reading. Administrators and teachers have attended multiple meetings with national leaders (George Batsche/Amanda VanDerHeyden) on MTSS to implement a new intervention process to bring student achievement up at the Tier I level.
- Elementary parent teacher conferences and book fair will be held on March 27-28.
- Preparations are taking place for students to gain some familiarity with the MSTEP test which will be in mid-April for 5th grade and in May for 4th and 3rd grades. Practice questions are available for teachers and students to learn about the various tools that will be available to all students during the testing window.